



*The History of
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This limited history will bring thanksgiving and praise to the "Lamb Who is worthy." Those who have prayed will rejoice in multiplied answers to prayer. Our contributors who have faithfully and sacrificially given will recognize the heavenly character of their investment. The many who have served will praise God for the privilege of investing their lives in the Gospel. The alumni and others who have feasted on the Word of God will be eternally grateful that it was their privilege to be built up in the faith and prepared for the ministry of the Word. A multitude of others will be in the presence of the Glory of the Lord eternally because someone here listened obediently to the word of our risen Savior when He said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me."

Rejoice with us in what God has done in the past, and pray with us for the future of these schools. As we move into a new century and a new millennium, we recognize that much has changed. Our desire is to know from God how best to prepare men and women to serve him in the context of a changing society. Our goal, at the same time, is to stay faithful to our roots in the authority of Scripture, the power of the Spirit, and the Great Commission.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Homer Heater, Jr." in a cursive script.

Homer Heater, Jr., Ph.D.
President 1994-

SEGMENT ONE 1902-1939

- 1902** Bible Institute of Washington started as home Bible classes.
- 1917** American Home Bible Institute began under the name of Cottage Bible Institute.
Prayer Steward Department originated.
Correspondence Studies developed.
- 1921** American Home Bible Institute incorporated.
- 1924** Official beginning of Bible Institute of Washington.
- 1930** Washington School of the Bible organized.
- 1935-38** George A. Miles, part-time President, American Home Bible Institute.
- 1938** Washington School of the Bible and American Home Bible Institute united to form Washington Bible Institute.
Official beginning of Correspondence School.
- 1938-40** George A. Miles, part-time President, Washington Bible Institute.
- 1939** Bible Institute of Washington joined classes with Washington Bible Institute.

Faithful Men

It is not possible to trace all the lines of history which eventuated in the present testimony, because for the most part little was recorded. God alone is able to recognize the true elements, and He will not permit the love and devotion of those unknown to us to go unnoticed or unrewarded.

The Bible Institute of Washington, founded by Dr. A. R. Kuldell, grew out of Bible classes started by Mrs. Rice I. Steele in homes and churches in 1902. About 1905, classes met in the YMCA,

later in the Bond Building, then in the home of Dr. M. E. Miller at 1618 H Street, N.W., then in the office of Irwin B. Linton (father of Trustee, Irwin H. Linton, deceased), and then in the Kellogg Building.

For the years 1919 to 1923, classes met in the home of W. H. H. Shelley. At this time, Dr. A. R. Kuldell became associated with the group; and in 1924, in association with Dr. Miller, Mr. Linton, and Rev. S. L. Brumbaugh, the Bible Institute of Washington was opened at 1316 Vermont Avenue N.W. Dr. Kuldell emphasized reaching the Jew with the Gospel. This institute offered degrees, and it remained in continuous operation until officially becoming a part of the Washington Bible Institute in 1940. After Dr. Kuldell, Irwin H. Linton and Rev. Kerns carried on the main responsibility of the work. Others closely associated with the school included Dr. Robert Hambrook, Lewis H. Fisher, and Robert H. Clark. One of the early graduates was C. Vernon Hill in 1926.

In 1917, Edward W. Collamore, a government employee and member of the Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church, saw a special need for home Bible study, and he organized the Cottage Bible Institute. Mr. Collamore was a diligent student and was so enriched in his own private Bible study that he sought to encourage others to do the same. He began to develop what were known as "Home Bible Study Courses," and he was successful in enrolling hundreds in private home study. The motto, "Knowledge, Prayer, Service," was adopted along with the emblem, "The Bible in the Heart-the Heart of Service."

In order to properly handle the work, Mr. Collamore incorporated under the name, **American Home Bible Institute**, in 1921. The interest of others was aroused. Able Bible teachers were secured to write courses, and a competent Board of Directors was

attracted to the work. One of Mr. Collamore's assistants, Lena B. Lobaugh, after retirement from government service, served until 1967 at Washington Bible College as manager of the bookstore. Another, Mary A. Hervey, continued as Registrar of the Evening School until 1955, when she retired from government service. Still another, Ethel Vance, continued active as an instructor until her retirement from the Department of Agriculture in 1956. Effie Collamore, a daughter, assisted the Music Department for many years as an instructor in piano and organ. The Correspondence Department of WBC was a continuation of a similar ministry begun by Mr. Collamore. The successive Presidents of the American Home Bible Institute were William C. Bond, Jr., 1930-32, 1934-37; Glenn W. Wagner, 1932-34; and George A. Miles, 1937-38.

In 1925, a third element of the present College began when Rev. C. W. Oyer, instructor at Fort Wayne Bible College, came to Washington as pastor of the Open Door Church and superintendent of the Bible Institute of Washington. He was a deep student of the Word, especially of prophetic truths. He soon became a leader of a number of pastors who had a similar love for the Word.

In 1930, Rev. Oyer opened the **Washington School of the Bible** in his church at 307 D Street, N.W. The classes at this institute attracted a group of young men and women who were working in the government. Those who worked closely with Rev. Oyer (Rev. Byron C. Richardson, Dr. K. B. Moomaw, Rev. Homer Kent, Sr., Rev. James R. King and Rev. William Seligman) shared much of the load. Rev. Kenneth Woodring, retired pastor of Calvary Memorial Baptist Church, Hyattsville, MD, was an early student who came into the ministry under this school. For many years this group of pastors sponsored a "Monthly Prophetic Conference" and brought to the city nationally known prophetic teachers.

Founding in 1938

In the vision of the leaders of the Bible Institute of Washington, the American Home Bible Institute, and the Washington School of the Bible was a future school which would provide adequate training for young men and women who felt the call of God to a full-time ministry of the Word, either at home or on the foreign field. This would mean adequate buildings and a well trained, full-time faculty.

During the period from 1930 to 1938, there developed an increasing fellowship among the leaders of these schools. It became apparent that their goals were essentially the same. Each recognized that their resources were limited. Although faculties were made up of qualified pastors and laymen, these men were able to give only limited time to the schools. It soon became clear that the ultimate goal would come closer to reality if the forces were united. Over a period of two years, united prayer and discussion crystallized these convictions. Although it would necessarily take time to work out the details of pooling resources, the conviction was fully established in the hearts of all that this step was the perfect will of God.

The Washington School of the Bible and the American Home Bible Institute joined on Sept. 16, 1938, under the name of **Washington Bible Institute**. The following men constituted the first Board of Trustees: Rev. C. W. Oyer, Chairman, Rev. William Seligman, George A. Miles, Dr. K. D. Moomaw, Charles S. Piepgrass, Ernest G. Wiles, William C. Bond, Jr., Ralph A. Davis, Rev. Homer Kent, Sr., and Rev. J. R. King. At the first meeting on September 20, 1938, the following officers of administration were appointed: George A. Miles, President; Mary A. Hervey, Registrar; Lena B. Lobaugh, Librarian; and Eugene A. Scheele, Extension and Tract Secretary.

In the fall of 1939, the new Washington Bible Institute held classes jointly with the Bible Institute of Washington in their facility at 1316 Vermont Avenue, N.W. On July 30, 1940, the union of all three schools was finalized. Agreement was made that responsibility for the new institution should be shared equally and that the initial Board of Trustees would be composed of five men from each Board. The men who comprised this original Board were as follows: from the Bible Institute of Washington: Irwin H. Linton, Robert H. Clark, Robert W. Hambrook, Rev. S. L. Brumbaugh, and Lewis H. Fisher; from American Home Bible Institute: Ralph A. Davis, Ernest G. Wiles, William C. Bond, Jr., George A. Miles, and Charles Piepgrass; from the Washington School of the Bible: Dr. K. D. Moomaw, Rev. C. W. Oyer, Rev. William Seligman, Rev. James R. King, and Rev. Homer Kent, Sr. Rev. C. W. Oyer was elected chairman and continued in this capacity until his home going on April 21, 1951.

The assets of the schools were pooled. The Bible Institute of Washington owned the building at 1316 Vermont Avenue, N.W. This proved too small to accommodate the growing number of students. From 1940 to 1945, some classes were held in the Open Door Church, 307 D Street, N.W., and in a rented building at 1509 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.

If the union of these schools was to be assured, it was evident there must be complete agreement on three issues: relationship to the Bible, purpose for existence, and relationship to the body of Christ.

It was found that the three schools held nearly identical positions on the Bible. A doctrinal statement was drawn up and approved by all. Stipulation was made in the Articles of Incorporation that no person could serve as a trustee unless he could give full agreement. The men primarily responsible for this statement were Dr.

K. D. Moomaw, Rev. C. W. Oyer, Lewis H. Fisher, and Rev. S. L. Brumbaugh.

The primary purpose of the College was to teach the Word of God. It was recognized that God would raise up other institutions for other areas of education, but the classroom of WBC was to be dedicated to knowledge of the Word of God. Other subjects would be offered *only* if they contributed to the ultimate end of reaching this world with the Gospel.

The school was to represent the common ground of all true believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. The Bylaws stated that at no time could more than one-third of the trustees be from the same evangelical denomination. The vision was to remain interdenominational in order to provide an open door to all without fear that the school would proselyte those who desired to study.

Prayer, a Foundation

From the inception of the union, it was fully agreed that prayer should be the foundation of all activity. Edward W. Collamore, founder of the American Home Bible Institute, had instituted a Prayer Department and invited interested people to join. It was given the name of "Prayer Stewards." A secretary was appointed to this department who was responsible for issuing a letter once a month. After the passing of Mr. Collamore, Thomas Manley edited these letters until the merger of the schools. Upon the merger in 1938, Rev. Ed Stelling was appointed Prayer Steward Secretary and served in this capacity until 1978.

At the first meeting of the new Board on Sept. 10, 1938, a monthly prayer meeting was established. Annual days of prayer were conducted, and the blessing of God followed.

SEGMENT TWO 1940-1949

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| 1940 | Union of the three schools finalized. |
| 1940-44 | Glenn W. Wagner, first full-time President. |
| 1945-84 | George A. Miles, second full-time President. |
| 1945-80 | <i>Tidings</i> , monthly College newsletter, published. |
| 1946 | Purchase of 1443-45 Rhode Island Ave. property. Beginning of three-year Institute. |
| 1949 | First Institute graduating class. |

Organization

Upon the completion of the union of the three schools on July 30, 1940, the new Board of Trustees felt that the school deserved the attention of a full-time administrator. Mr. Glenn W. Wagner was known to the majority of the Board before he left the area to attend Dallas Theological Seminary. Upon graduation in May 1940, Mr. Wagner was in a position to assume a new ministry. He was elected to the office of President and assumed his duties in September 1940.

Under the leadership of Mr. Wagner, many young people were challenged by a vital evangelistic ministry. A Youth Rally was begun on Saturday night with a live radio broadcast. As hearts were yielded to Christ, they were led into the Bible classes of the Institute. Mr. Wagner promoted two annual Christian Boat Cruises on the Potomac River which did much to unite the fundamental forces of Washington in support of the Institute. There was a steady growth in interest and numbers under the dynamic and Spirit-led ministry of Mr. Wagner.

During World War II, the need for a ministry to the Armed Forces became a constant challenge to Mr. Wagner. In November 1944, he resigned from Washington Bible Institute in order to serve with the Pocket Testament League's ministry to servicemen.

At the time of the union, all three schools were conducting evening classes only. As the number of students increased under the leadership of Mr. Wagner, the interest in a full-time day school grew rapidly. Much prayer was evident concerning this need. The Trustees began a search for property to house such a school. The curriculum was expanded, and the first catalogue was printed in 1943.

Upon the resignation of Glenn Wagner, George A. Miles, a structural engineer with the U. S. Government and a member of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty, was elected President. He assumed his duties on March 16, 1945. He had been formerly associated with the American Home Bible Institute as a student, then as President from 1935 to 1938, and as part-time President of the new school, Washington Bible Institute, from 1938 to 1940.

During the summer and fall of 1945, intense prayer was made for property to house the growing student body. The Lord answered by leading to 1443-45 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W. This property had been used as a school and had fully equipped classrooms and dormitories to house fifty students. The Institute gained possession for \$80,000 in May 1946. Students and friends contributed \$30,000, and a \$50,000 mortgage was undertaken.

Day School

The development of a day school program is accompanied by problems entirely foreign to the operation of an evening school. The curriculum, faculty, and facilities must be of a specialized nature. Financing becomes a major issue. An administration which has never had experience in this field, but must learn as the school grows and solve problems without prior training, finds prayer the only

avenue of help. It was only by this heavenly source of wisdom that the College has been able to survive.

The curriculum of five leading Bible Institutes was analyzed. It was decided that the Bible content of our courses should be equal to, or greater than, any other Bible Institute. A minimum of fifty semester hours of Bible and Theology became the basis for every student enrolled. Four majors were to be offered: Pastoral, Missions, Sacred Music, and Christian Education. It was also determined that every student should be actively engaged weekly in some form of Christian Service.

In the fall of 1946, a three-year Bible Institute was opened with 15 students. All classes were held at night with pastors serving as instructors. By the fall of 1947, a class of 18 made it necessary to begin school during the day and engage some full-time faculty. LaDelle Dawson, Willis Bishop, and John Stannard were added during that year. In the spring of 1949, the first graduating class of twelve received their diplomas.

SEGMENT THREE 1950-1959

- 1951** Purchase of 1441 Rhode Island Avenue property.
- 1953** Fourth year College program added.
Extension Schools began.
- 1953-57** First full-time Academic Dean, Dr. Karl E. Keefer, Jr.
- 1954** Accredited by District of Columbia for granting Bachelor of Arts degree. First B.A. in Biblical Education degree granted.
- 1955** Women's Auxiliary organized.
- 1956** Associate membership given by American Association of Bible Colleges.
Name changed to Washington Bible College.
- 1957-63** Second Academic Dean, Dr. Douglas B. MacCorkle.
- 1958** Capital Bible Seminary began.
- 1959-74** "The Tidings Hour" radio program produced.

As the number of full-time day students increased, a constant adjustment to our facilities was necessary. Crowded conditions kept the trustees and administration constantly praying about additional space. In 1951, the College was able to acquire an adjacent building at 1441 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W. for \$33,000 to house offices and the bookstore.

In 1953, an entire graduating class from the three-year Institute petitioned the administration to add a fourth year program and to offer a Bachelor's degree. After prayer, this was done in the fall of 1953. Dr. Karl E. Keefer, Jr., became Academic Dean of the College in 1953 and served in this capacity until 1957. Dr. Keefer, who was the first full-time Dean, did much of the work in setting up the curriculum and preparing the school for associate membership in the American Association of Bible Colleges.

Application was made to the Board of Education of the District of Columbia for approval to grant the Bachelor's Degree. Following examination by that Board on November 17, 1954, the College was approved for the granting of the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Education. One of the prerequisites for a degree program was a solid academic foundation. Gradually the academic level of the student body began to improve.

A corps of volunteer women organized the Washington Bible Institute Women's Auxiliary in 1955. The first meeting was held on Saturday, March 12, 1955. It was under the leadership of June Lewis, President; Ruth Miles, Corresponding Secretary; and Esther Kennedy, Treasurer. The Auxiliary was organized to lend practical, promotional, and prayerful support to the school.

On March 5, 1956, the name of the school was changed to **Washington Bible College** to more nearly identify the curriculum now being offered. On October 25, 1956, the College was accepted into associate membership in the American Association of Bible Colleges.

Dr. Douglas B. MacCorkle began his duties as Academic Dean of the College in August 1957. It was during the important years of 1957 through 1963 that Dr. MacCorkle directed the academic affairs of the College. Mrs. MacCorkle served with the College music faculty during this time. Dr. MacCorkle resigned in 1963 to become President of Philadelphia College of Bible.

A three-year graduate school was added to Washington Bible College in the fall of 1958. The name adopted was **Capital Bible Seminary**. This institution began and continues to operate under the Board of Trustees of the College as the graduate division.

From 1958 to 1962, it was staffed by the College faculty and local pastors.

In 1959, a radio ministry began on WFAX on Sunday afternoons. The first series dealt with the Prophet Daniel and was taught by President George A. Miles. This half hour radio program, "The Tidings Hour," continued until 1974.

SEGMENT FOUR 1960-1969

- 1961** **Granting of Bachelor of Divinity degree approved by the Board of Higher Education of the District of Columbia.**
 Building behind 1441 Rhode Island Avenue purchased for Library.
- 1962** **Full Accreditation given by American Association of Bible Colleges.**
- 1962-64** **First full-time Academic Dean of Seminary, Dr. Raymond Saxe.**
- 1963** **1451-53 Rhode Island Avenue property purchased.**
- 1964** **First Bachelor of Divinity degree granted by CBS.**
- 1964-68** **Third Academic Dean of College, Dr. Wendell G. Johnston.**
- 1966-73** **Second Academic Dean of Seminary, Dr. John H. Mulholland.**
- 1968** **1449 Rhode Island Avenue property purchased.**
- 1969** **Purchase of new campus in Lanham, Maryland.**

On April 19, 1961, the Board of Education of the District of Columbia approved the recommendation of the Committee on Degree Conferring Institutions that authorization be granted the Washington Bible College to confer the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Capital Bible Seminary conferred the first B.D. in 1964.

In the spring of 1961, an additional three-storied building was purchased at the rear of 1443 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W. for \$15,500. This building was completely renovated to house the library which moved into the new quarters in February 1962.

In the fall of 1962, Dr. Raymond Saxe was appointed the first full-time Dean of the Seminary, a position he held for two years. He

resigned in 1964 to become the pastor of Grace Bible Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

An objective of the trustees and faculty of the College was to obtain full membership in the American Association of Bible Colleges. An examining committee visited the College and on October 24, 1962, the Washington Bible College was admitted into full membership in the Association.

More space was needed as the school grew. It became apparent that there could be no sustained future growth without additional facilities. Attempts to purchase adjacent properties proved futile until 1963, when two houses at 1451 and 1453 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W. became available for \$33,000.

During the years 1964-68, Dr. Wendell G. Johnston served as Academic Dean of the College. Mrs. Johnston taught part-time in the Christian Education Department and also served as President of the Women's Auxiliary. In 1968, Dr. Johnston accepted an invitation to become the President of Detroit Bible College.

In 1957, Dr. John H. Mulholland had joined the College faculty as Dean of Men, and his wife, Helen, served as Dean of Women. Dr. Mulholland was a part of the College faculty until he became Dean of the Seminary in 1966. In 1973, he relinquished the position of Dean and returned to full-time teaching. He served as Dean of the Seminary during some of its most formative years.

In 1968, an additional house at 1449 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W. was purchased for \$70,000. Further acquisitions were attempted, but without success. To house resident students, the College rented some twenty apartments in adjacent buildings. All

areas, including classrooms, library, and dining hall, were taxed beyond capacity.

In the spring of 1968, the Washington riots took place. Parents were fearful for the safety of students. In the fall of 1968, the first decrease in enrollment was experienced. The trustees were concerned as to what steps should be taken to remedy the situation in view of two factors: first, we did not own enough land to construct an adequate building to house the present schools, and it would be impossible to build further in the future. Second, all efforts to acquire adjacent properties had failed.

Move to New Campus

It was at this time, December 1968, that our attention was drawn to a 63-acre campus owned by the Society of the Divine Savior in suburban Lanham, Maryland. The property was for sale. After an investigation in late January 1969, an offer of \$1,200,000 was made. This offer was accepted in early May, and settlement was made on June 30, 1969.

The College began operation at the new campus in September 1969. Capital Bible Seminary continued at the Rhode Island Avenue campus, and the overflow dormitory students were housed at the Washington location and bused to the Lanham campus for classes. Evening School also was continued at the Washington campus, and additional Evening School classes were begun at the new location.

The dedication of the Lanham campus was held the week of September 22-28, 1969, culminating in the Dedication Exercises on Sunday, September 28. The dedication message was brought by Mr. Glenn W. Wagner, the first full-time President of the school.

SEGMENT FIVE 1970-1984

- 1970** CBS authorized by the District of Columbia to grant M.A. and M.Div. degrees (in lieu of B.D. degree).
All dorm students moved to new campus.
Re-examination and approval by AABC.
- 1971** Linton Classroom Building, first stage, dedicated.
- 1971-79** Fourth Academic Dean of College, Dr. Robert O. Woodburn.
- 1972** Remodeled west wing of Linton Classroom Building.
Capital Bible Seminary moved to Lanham campus.
Steiner Memorial Dormitory occupied.
- 1973** Third Dean of Seminary, Dr. Homer Heater, Jr.
- 1973-85** CBS bimonthly publication, *Scroll*, published.
- 1973-79** Accredited by the State Board for Higher Education of the State of Maryland for granting B.A., M.A., and Th.M. degrees.
- 1974** Maintenance Building occupied.
East wing extension to Linton Classroom Building occupied.
Campus Bookstore moved to new quarters under main lounge.
First sale of downtown campus, September 30, 1974.
Seminary granted first Th.M. degree.
Seminary Reading Room added to Library.
- 1975** Seminary granted first M.A. degree.
Radio Program, "Morning Focus," began.
Edward W. Collamore Memorial Residence occupied.
Libraries of WBC and CBS combined.

- First full-time Director of Adult Education, W. Carlton Long.
- 1977 Downtown property resold.
Fifty-year Campus Master Plan approved by Park and Planning Commission.
Swamp area filled to provide athletic field.
- 1978 Purchase of seven acres near campus to provide building sites for staff (Byram Property).
- 1979 Capital Bible Seminary Building occupied.
CBS granted first Biblical Studies Certificate.
Thomas E. Schaeffer Memorial Park dedicated in front of Linton Building.
New entrance constructed on Good Luck Road.
All periodicals combined in new quarterly publication, *Reflections*.
- 1980 New Library Extension occupied.
Construction of Glenn W. Wagner Memorial Auditorium-Gymnasium.
Twenty-fifth anniversary of Women's Auxiliary.
Homegoing of Mrs. Ruth Miles, Oct. 7, 1980.
- 1980-87 Fifth Academic Dean of College, James S. Schuppe, appointed.
- 1984 President George A. Miles retired after more than forty years of service.
Harry E. Fletcher became the third president of WBC/CBS.

On February 27, 1970, arrangements were made to have the Maryland State Board for Higher Education observe our operation. A plan was then formulated whereby the College could eventually obtain the necessary certification to grant degrees in the State. In the meantime the Board of Education of the District of Columbia agreed to continue our degree-granting privilege until we were

accredited by the State of Maryland. On July 29, 1970, Resolution No. 1970-36 was approved by the Maryland State Board for Higher Education permitting us to operate in the State of Maryland and to continue conferring our District of Columbia authorized degree until final approval was granted. This covered only the undergraduate division, since the graduate division was still located in the downtown property.

In the fall of 1970, because of the difficulties in transporting students to and from the downtown campus, arrangements were made to house all students at the Lanham campus. The dormitories were very crowded, and preliminary plans were drawn for new dormitories.

Lack of classroom space was also an increasing problem. Half of the library was being used as a classroom, making access to the library very limited. The only solution was to construct a classroom building. The first stage of the Irwin H. Linton Classroom Building was constructed, and the dedication was held in January 1971. It provided four classrooms and six music studios. The ground floor was designed to house the Print Shop and Mailing Department.

Dr. Robert O. Woodburn was appointed fourth Dean of the College in May 1971. He served in this capacity until May 1979, when he accepted the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs at Detroit Bible College. Dr. Woodburn began his ministry at the College in 1963. In addition to being Dean for eight years, he served as Chairman of the Department of Humanities. Prior to this time, he was Dean of Students for three years. His father, Robert P. Woodburn, served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1943-1975. Thus, WBC has had the privilege of a long association with the Woodburn family.

During the summer of 1972, what formerly was the carpentry shop in the west wing of Linton Hall was remodeled to provide space for the Seminary. This made it possible for them to move to the Lanham campus in the fall of 1972. On May 31, 1972, permission was granted by the State of Maryland through Resolution No. 1972-23 to transfer the graduate school division to the State and to continue conferring the Masters degrees currently authorized by the District of Columbia until full approval could be granted.

Ground breaking for the Steiner Memorial Dormitory was held at graduation in May of 1972. This facility was dedicated to the memory of Peter Steiner, president-elect of the student body for the 1971-72 College year. Pete was killed instantly in an automobile accident on May 30, 1971. His outstanding life of dedication to the Lord left a lasting witness to the WBC students. This dormitory was a definite answer to prayer, as was the upturn in registration in both the College and Seminary.

In September 1973, Dr. Homer Heater, Jr., was appointed as the third Dean of Capital Bible Seminary. Dr. Heater was a 1959 graduate of WBC and a member of the first graduating class from Capital Bible Seminary in 1964. He had served in the pastorate and was a CBS faculty member from 1969 to 1985 before leaving CBS to teach at Dallas Theological Seminary.

After the College and Seminary had met the requirements of the State of Maryland, they were visited by an evaluating team from the State on February 4, 1974. On March 27, 1974, Resolution No. 1974-22 was approved by the State Board of Education granting authority to confer degrees in both the undergraduate and graduate divisions in the State of Maryland. On May 18, 1974, the degree of Bachelor of Arts was given in the College and the degree of Master of Theology in the Seminary. Approval was also given for the

granting of the Master of Arts degree, and in 1975, the first M.A. was conferred.

Although the new campus was a constant reminder of God's goodness, the sale of the property on Rhode Island Avenue continued to be a problem. Much prayer and effort was spent over this matter. It was not until September 30, 1974, five years after purchasing the Lanham property, that sale of the Rhode Island Avenue property was consummated.

In 1974, two other College facilities were placed in better quarters. A very vital part of a large campus is the Maintenance Department. This department was formerly located in the area below the main lounge. This was not adequate, and it was poorly located both from an aesthetic and campus traffic point of view. In May 1974, a new Maintenance Building containing shops and storage was completed.

The space vacated by Maintenance was ideally located for the Campus Bookstore. It was readily accessible to the Administration Building and to visitors from off-campus. The move from the ground floor of the Administration Building was completed in September 1974. This greatly expanded area provided a more adequate Campus Bookstore which has resulted in a growing ministry, serving increasing numbers of students and the Christian public as well.

An addition to the Linton Classroom Building east wing in 1974 provided four classrooms for Capital Bible Seminary, which gave them adequate space for growth and also provided a comfortable chapel. This was only a temporary situation until a building could be provided to house the Seminary. The former quarters of the Seminary, in the west wing of Linton Hall, were altered to serve the Music Department. Several new pianos were purchased, to enable

this Department to minister more effectively. In addition to the instruments added to the music studios, the College purchased a new grand piano for the Chapel in 1974. On March 3, 1975, a new three-manual Rodgers organ was installed in the chapel. It was dedicated to the memory of C. Vernon Hill who was Chairman of the Board of Trustees for six years and a member of the Board for thirteen years until his death in 1974.

With the building of the Linton classroom extension, the library was able to expand. Adjacent to the library was a small game room. In 1974, this was annexed to the library, and it became the Seminary reading room. The library, one of the most important assets of the College, was one of the interests of Rev. C. W. Oyer. Many books from his personal library were placed in the College library upon his death. As a fitting memorial, the library was dedicated to his memory and is known as the Oyer Memorial Library. In 1961, the Open Door Church, of which Rev. Oyer was pastor for many years, gave the College library over \$7,000 in his memory. These funds were used to completely furnish the library at that time. During the Summer of 1975, the College and Seminary libraries were combined.

In 1975, a Bible study radio program called "Morning Focus" went on the air for fifteen minutes, five days a week. The program was designed to allow Christians to study the Word of God in depth in their own homes.

When the College moved to the Lanham campus in September 1969, there were approximately 250 students. By September 1975, the combined student body of the College and Seminary totaled 500. With this increased student body the dormitory population again became crowded. The trustees then authorized the construction of a building consisting of twelve

efficiency units and four apartments for staff housing. On October 12, 1975, this new student-staff residence was dedicated to the memory of Edward W. Collamore. No memorial one might establish could adequately honor the devotion and sacrifice of this man of God, who visualized a college where young people dedicated to our Lord Jesus Christ would be trained in the Word of God with a vision to reach the world with the gospel of our Savior.

At the December 9, 1977, Board of Trustees meeting, a decision was made to purchase 6.78 acres of property one half mile from campus at 6409 Princess Garden Parkway from the Ira Byram Foundation. The property consisted of one large house and a smaller one. The property was purchased in order to provide building sites for staff and other friends interested in such an investment. The larger house was renovated to provide housing for our missionary-in-residence, as well as for some male students. This entire property was eventually subdivided and sold to faculty and staff as home building lots.

After Capital Bible Seminary moved to the Lanham campus in 1972, their enrollment continued to increase, requiring additional offices, classrooms, and dormitories. Every conceivable space was utilized to meet the needs of both the College and Seminary. The urgency of a separate facility to house the Seminary was apparent. In 1978, construction began on a three-storied 50' x 100' building. The Dedication Service for the completed building was held on Saturday, April 21, 1979. The present facility is adequate for 200 students.

In May 1979, the Senior class of the College developed a beautifully landscaped area in front of Linton Hall, known as the Thomas E. Schaeffer Memorial Park. Tom was a member of this class who went to be with the Lord on April 7, 1979, after a sudden illness.

The sudden homegoing of Tom made a very deep impression on the whole student body.

During the winter of 1979, the first edition of a new publication, *Reflections*, was mailed to friends of the College. This magazine took the place of three publications, the *Tidings*, the *Alum-Light*, and the *CBS Scroll*. It was a quarterly publication mailed to approximately 23,000 individuals. The combining of periodicals was done as an economy measure because of the spiraling costs of printing and mailing.

Many changes took place during the period from 1970 to 1979. After moving to the Lanham campus, additional personnel were needed along with an overall organization developed to assume the responsibilities of operation. A full-time Director of Public Relations was employed in 1971.

The need for additional space for stacks and seating for readers in the Oyer Memorial Library continued to increase. In 1979 the Board of Trustees authorized a two-storied, 30' x 50' addition. The lower floor provided an addition to the library, and the upper story provided a chapel annex. The facility was completed in February 1980, and dedicated following Baccalaureate on May 16, 1980.

In March of 1980, the Board of Trustees appointed James S. Schuppe as the fifth Academic Dean of WBC. Professor Schuppe had served as Acting Dean since June 1979. He graduated from Washington Bible College in 1963 and Capital Bible Seminary in 1966. He was an instructor at WBC from 1966 to 1989 and from 1997 to the present.

On September 20, 1980, the Women's Auxiliary celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary of service to the College and the Seminary. Throughout the years, countless hours and many thousands of dollars have been given by these faithful supporters of the work here. The constant labor of love by these ladies has provided numerous furnishings and equipment which has made for the students and staff alike a richer environment for Christian learning for which all are grateful. This ministry was phased out in 1995 and absorbed by the full-time staff.

Glenn W. Wagner, the first full-time President of Washington Bible College, was a great athlete and sports enthusiast. Glenn met Jesus Christ during his college days, and the direction of his life was changed. For twenty-five years he directed the foreign ministry of the Pocket Testament League, reaching millions for Christ through the written and spoken Word. Glenn never forgot his early association with Washington Bible College.

In recognition of his godly example and faithful service, the Glenn W. Wagner Auditorium-Gymnasium was constructed during 1980 at a cost of \$700,000. Facilities provided by this 140' x 200' facility are as follows: Auditorium-Gymnasium seating 2,000, three Tennis or Basketball Courts, an Intercollegiate Basketball Court, Student Center and Recreation Room, Handball Court, Exercise and Weight Room, two Classrooms, Offices, Kitchen, and Locker Room facilities. The construction is steel frame and siding with two-floor brick front.

This building stands as a testimony to a man who loved the Word of God and whose life exemplified its truths. "Nothing is impossible if God is in it," is a phrase Glenn shared many times. He coupled it with his signature verse, "Call unto me, and I will answer

you, and show you great and mighty things which you know not” (Jeremiah 33:3).

The year 1984 marked the passing of an era as George A. Miles retired from the presidency after more than forty years of active and faithful service to the College and Seminary. No one person has had the impact on this ministry he has had. His interest in the Bible, evangelism, sports, music, and architecture are everywhere evident. His dedication to students is well known, and people by the thousands have been influenced by his consistently godly life. In 1984 he married LaDelle Dawson Milo, and they continue to reside on the campus. In November of 1994, the Board of Trustees dedicated the main administration building to him. It is known as Miles Hall.

SEGMENT SIX 1985-1998

- 1985** Dr. Charles Dyer became Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- 1986-90** Dr. Kenneth Barker became the fifth dean of CBS.
- 1988-97** Dr. Neil Holliker became the sixth dean of WBC. Mr. William Fletcher became Vice President for Financial Affairs.
- 1988** Dr. John A. Sproule became Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- 1991** Dr. Harry E. Fletcher resigned; Dr. John A. Sproule became interim President. Mr. Douglas L. Crow became Vice President for Business Affairs.
- 1992** Dr. John A. Sproule became the fourth President of WBC/CBS.
- 1993** CBS accredited by TRACS.
- 1994** Dr. Sproule retired; Dr. Homer Heater, Jr. became the fifth President of WBC/CBS.
- 1995** Dr. George M. Harton became the seventh Academic Dean of CBS.
- 1997** Mr. Jacques H. Fox became Vice President for Development. Dr. Louis R. Rittweger became the seventh WBC Academic Dean.
- 1998** CBS accredited by ATS. Dr. Daven M. Kari became the eighth WBC Academic Dean. Contacts with Philadelphia College of the Bible for consolidation.

The Board of Trustees, upon the retirement of Mr. Miles, appointed Dr. Harry E. Fletcher to the presidency. Dr. Fletcher was

a graduate of Washington Bible College in 1968 and Capital Bible Seminary in 1971. He served for seven years. Student enrollment in the college had begun to decline in 1984. The decline continued through the next several years until it leveled out at a little over 300. CBS enrollment grew but very slowly during this period. Loss of revenues led to an increase in indebtedness and the financial position of the school became more unstable. Dr. Heater joined the faculty of Dallas Theological Seminary in 1985 and Dr. Kenneth Barker became Dean of the CBS. Mr. Schuppe joined the faculty of Liberty University and Dr. Neil Holliker, a 1980 CBS graduate, became the Dean of the College in 1988. The cabinet level staff was expanded to include a Vice President of Academic Affairs and a Vice President of Business Affairs. The former was filled by Dr. Charles Dyer and the latter by Mr. William Fletcher. Dr. Dyer resigned his post in 1988 to return to Dallas Theological Seminary and was replaced by Dr. John A. Sproule, who was teaching in the Seminary.

Dr. Fletcher resigned in June, 1991 and the Board of Trustees asked Dr. John Sproule to fill the position for the interim. After one year as interim, Dr. Sproule was elected to the presidency in 1992. To deal with the financial crisis, the Board of Trustees considered selling the sixty-three acre campus. After a year of effort and a bona fide offer from a church in DC, it was determined that selling and moving would not enhance the financial position of the school. All efforts were now turned to increasing the enrollment of the College and Seminary and the gift income.

Mr. Douglas Crow became the Vice President for Business Affairs in 1991. He was instrumental in updating the business software, the auditing process, and the payroll.

Dr. Homer Heater returned from Dallas in 1993 to resume the Deanship of the Seminary. Dr. Sproule had suffered a heart

attack in 1990, and with continuing health concerns, decided he should resign the presidency in 1994. Dr. Heater was appointed President on August 1, 1994.

CBS began offering classes at two sites in Virginia in the fall of 1994 and in Baltimore in 1996. Dr. George Harton became Academic Dean in 1995. The Seminary had been operating since 1958 with state recognition but no accreditation. The need for accreditation became more pressing and CBS applied to the Transnational Association of Theological Schools and was accredited by them in 1993. However, the most important accrediting association for Seminaries was the Association of Theological Schools and CBS applied to them for associate status. This was granted, a self-study was conducted, and a team visited in October 1997. The ATS Commission granted CBS accredited status in February 1998. Because TRACS and ATS created a redundancy in accreditation, CBS withdrew from TRACS in October 1998.

Deferred maintenance had become a significant problem. The maintenance crews were kept busy replacing roofs and renovating buildings. Between 1994 and 1997, the second floor of Miles Hall was completely renovated: new walls, ceilings, and carpet. New electricity was installed, and each room was air conditioned and provided a telephone. Mr. Paul Perry, member of the Board of Directors, furnished the lumber and built furniture for thirty rooms. Work continues on the third floor.

Steiner Hall, the women's dormitory, was renovated during the summer of 1998. All plumbing was replaced, new ceilings, insulation, and carpet were installed. The first floor was turned into office space for Institutional Advancement, Admissions and Financial Aid.

The main lounge in Miles Hall was repainted and carpeted. It was made more "student friendly" with vending machines and a stage for student activities. Oil furnaces were replaced with gas, and many minor problems were corrected.

The area of computers was quite weak. In 1995, Mr. David Austin began working with the school to provide a network and a common computer base. By 1998, this was fully accomplished with all the campus linked through fiber optics.

Mr. Jacques Fox was hired in 1997 to be the Vice President for Development. His title was changed in 1998 to Vice President for Institutional Advancement when he assumed responsibility for Public Affairs and Admissions. "Shaping the Future," a capital campaign, began in 1997 and continues. The response from the Board, Faculty, and Staff has been outstanding.

As the school grew more stable, application was made again to the Middle States Association for Regional Accreditation for the College and Seminary. The finances had been in the black four years in a row. Gift income had increased by 30% during that time. Enrollment had begun to increase. CBS enrolled 201 students in the fall, 1998 for the first time, and the combined semester hour enrollment was the highest in thirteen years.

Philadelphia College of Bible contacted us in the spring of 1998 to discuss cooperative efforts. PCB and WBC have similar histories. Both grew out of mergers: WBC resulted from a merger of three institutions in 1938, and PCB came from two institutions in 1951. Both initially were located within a major city: Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. Both purchased a Roman Catholic seminary property and moved to the suburbs: WBC in 1969 and PCB in 1979. The Academic Dean of WBC from 1958 to 1963, Dr. Douglas B.

MacCorkle, was President of PCB from 1963 to 1977. The two schools have been friends and mutual supporters for a long time. Talks are now centering on full consolidation into university status. The Presidents and some of their staffs had several meetings to draw up an agreement, a purpose statement, and a mission statement.

The many advantages of such a consolidation would have a significant impact on the Church at large and the task of preparing men and women to serve the Lord.

The Board of Trustees was renamed the Board of Directors in the 1995 revised Bylaws. Dr. Robert Margenthaler became Chair in 1990 and led through the restructuring of the Board. Annual retreats were instituted, the Bylaws were revised, and the doctrinal statement was developed more fully.

Dr. Neil Holliker was the WBC Academic Dean from 1988 to 1997. Dr. Louis Rittweger became the Academic Dean from 1997 to 1998, when he resigned to teach at Emmanuel College in Georgia. In 1998, Dr. Holliker became the Assistant Academic Dean/Registrar for CBS and Dr. Daven Kari became the WBC Academic Dean. Miss Christine Doerfler became the Assistant Academic Dean of the College.

APPENDIX I

Chairmen — Board of Directors

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| C. W. Oyer | 1938-1951 |
| C. Vernon Hill | 1951-1957 |
| Francis E. Simmons | 1957-1967 |
| Maurice R. Hauschildt | 1967-1987 |
| Russell Miller | 1987-1990 |
| C. Robert Margenthaler | 1990- |

Presidents

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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| George A. Miles (Part-Time) | 1938-1940 |
| Glenn W. Wagner | 1940-1944 |
| George A. Miles | 1945-1984 |
| Harry E. Fletcher | 1984-1991 |
| John A. Sproule | 1991-1994 |
| Homer Heater, Jr. | 1994- |

Academic Deans — College

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Karl E. Keefer, Jr. | 1953-1957 |
| Douglas B. MacCorkle | 1957-1963 |
| Wendell G. Johnston | 1964-1968 |
| Robert O. Woodburn | 1971-1979 |
| James S. Schuppe | 1980-1987 |
| Charles H. Dyer (Interim) | 1987-1988 |
| Neil A. Holliker | 1988-1997 |
| Louis R. Rittweger | 1997-1998 |
| Daven M. Kari | 1998- |

Academic Deans — Seminary

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|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Douglas B. MacCorkle (Part-Time) | 1958-1962 |
| Raymond H. Saxe | 1962-1964 |
| John H. Mulholland | 1966-1973 |
| Homer Heater, Jr. | 1973-1985 |
| George M. Harton (Interim) | 1985-1986 |
| Kenneth L. Barker | 1986-1990 |
| Todd S. Beall (Interim) | 1990-1992 |
| Thomas R. Edgar (Interim) | 1992-1993 |
| Homer Heater, Jr. | 1993-1994 |
| George M. Harton | 1995- |

Men who have Served as Trustees/Directors

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| Kenton B. Moomaw | 1938-1938 ¹ |
| William M. Seligman | 1938-1955 ¹ |
| C. W. Oyer | 1938-1951 ¹ |
| James R. King | 1938-1939 ¹ |
| Homer Kent, Sr. | 1938-1940 ¹ |
| George A. Miles | 1938-1984 ² |
| William C. Bond, Jr. | 1938-1950 ² |
| Charles S. Piepgrass | 1938-1964 ² |
| Ernest G. Wiles | 1938-1976 ² |
| Ralph A. Davis | 1938-1943, 1946-1977 ² |
| Byron P. Richardson | 1939-1940 |
| William Pierson | 1939-1941 |
| Robert W. Hambrook | 1940-1943 ³ |
| Irwin H. Linton | 1940-1960 ³ |
| Robert H. Clark | 1940-1965 ³ |
| Lewis H. Fisher | 1940-1950 ³ |
| S. L. Brumbaugh | 1940-1946 ³ |
| Glenn W. Wagner | 1940-1942 |
| William H. Brown | 1941-1944 |
| Bernard Schneider | 1941-1944 |
| Eugene Scheele | 1942-1946 |
| Harry Calenberg | 1943-1945 |
| Robert P. Woodburn | 1943-1975 |
| A. Winston Marshall | 1944-1954, 1965-1972 |
| Hal J. Berney | 1945-1946 |
| Dale Crowley | 1945-1960 |
| Francis E. Simmons | 1945-1967 |
| Theodore Belote | 1946-1948 |
| C. L. Jenkins | 1947-1948 |
| C. Vernon Hill | 1948-1960, 1973-1974 |
| Howard Zimmerman | 1950-1959 |

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| Martin Clough | 1950-1960 |
| Milton Chase | 1951-1956 |
| Fred Schuppe, Jr. | 1951-1988 |
| Julius Whiting | 1955-1958 |
| Lewis Depro | 1956-1968 |
| William Trumbo | 1956-1963 |
| M. Roy Nicholson | 1956-1985 |
| Robert Andrews | 1957-1958 |
| Walter Kirk, Jr. | 1957-1964 |
| Clyde Freed | 1957-1964 |
| Maurice Larson | 1957-1971 |
| Bruce Mellott | 1957-1991 |
| Frank P. Sanders | 1959-1964, 1970-1981 |
| Karl E. Keefer, Sr. | 1960-1965 |
| Edward W. Carmichael | 1960-1972 |
| Maurice R. Hauschildt | 1960-1987 |
| Joseph C. MacKnight | 1960-1970 |
| Louis W. Ivins | 1960-1973 |
| Daniel P. Hill | 1964-1967 |
| Edwin W. Keck | 1965- |
| Robert F. Bain | 1966-1996 |
| Joseph P. Black | 1966-1968, 1973-1976 |
| Erwin J. Niemeyer | 1966-1981 |
| Jack E. Buttram | 1968-1975 |
| A. Scott Myers | 1968-1981 |
| E. William Young | 1968- |
| Albert S. Bright | 1969-1983 |
| Watson F. Pindell | 1971-1973, 1980-1991 |
| J. David Holden | 1972-1977 |
| John F. Fletcher | 1972-1992 |
| Charles W. Held, Jr. | 1972-1982 |
| John E. Wiedenman | 1975-1981 |
| Edward J. Priggemeier | 1975-1983, 1984-1992 |

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| Gerald G. Small | 1976-1990, 1992- |
| Charles B. Hanshew | 1976-1982 |
| John Musselman | 1976-1997 |
| James Roembke | 1976-1977 |
| Clyde C. Swilling | 1978-1985 |
| Donald Darling | 1978-1985 |
| Lorren E. Hackett | 1980-1983 |
| David A. Lipp | 1980- |
| Roland E. Genter | 1981-1990 |
| Bernard W. Radford | 1981-1991 |
| Russell E. Miller | 1982-1990 |
| A. Lorenzo McKinney | 1983-1992 |
| Louis J. DiGuglielmo | 1983-1991 |
| Harry E. Fletcher | 1984-1990 |
| Patrick D. Gleason | 1984-1996 |
| Chester V. Joines | 1985-1991 |
| Charles E. Piepgrass | 1986-1990 |
| C. Robert Margenthaler | 1986- |
| Amos C. Good | 1987- |
| Ben L. Irvin | 1988-1998 |
| Kay Arthur | 1989-1990 |
| Charles N. Smith, III | 1989-1995 |
| James L. Martin | 1990- |
| John A. Sproule | 1991-1994 |
| Paul E. Perry | 1992- |
| Robert T. Evans | 1992- |
| Arthur C. Borden | 1993- |
| Charles Cato | 1993-1998 |
| Olah Moore | 1993- |
| Haywood A. Robinson, III | 1993- |
| Click D. Smith, Jr. | 1993-1995 |
| Homer Heater, Jr. | 1994- |
| David L. Austin | 1996-1998 |

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| A. Michael Black | 1996- |
| Gerald O. Miller | 1996- |
| J. Michael Sharman | 1997- |

¹ Original Trustee from Washington School of the Bible

² Original Trustee from American Home Bible Institute

³ Original Trustee from Bible Institute of Washington

APPENDIX II

Memorials

Throughout the history of the school many hundreds of Memorials have been set up. It is impossible for us to note all of these, but we would like to call attention to some of them.

The Founders have been remembered in various ways through the years. When the College was located in downtown Washington, a prayer room was set aside and equipped with appropriate furnishings in memory of Dr. A. R. Kuldell. As previously noted in this historical overview, the library is dedicated to the memory of Rev. C. W. Oyer and is known as the Oyer Memorial Library. In 1975, the student-staff residence was dedicated to the memory of Edward W. Collamore and was named the Collamore Residence.

In 1979, when the new facility for Capital Bible Seminary was dedicated, a plaque was placed in the lobby as a tribute to the Founding Trustees of Washington Bible College. Those representing the American Home Bible Institute: William C. Bond, Jr., Ralph A. Davis, George A. Miles, Charles S. Piepgrass and Ernest G. Wiles; representing Washington School of the Bible: Homer A. Kent, James R. King, K. B. Moomaw, C. W. Oyer, and William Seligman; representing the Bible Institute of Washington: S. L. Brumbaugh, Robert H. Clark, Lewis G. Fisher, Robert Hambrook, and Irwin H. Linton.

The Reading Room in the Seminary building was set aside as a tribute to three women who made outstanding contributions to the ministry of the school in its early days. These women are Lena B. Lobaugh, Mary A. Hervey, and Ethel Vance. The story of the

contribution of these women has been mentioned in this overview under the early history. Miss Lobaugh's ministry with the school was over a period of 38 years; Miss Hervey and Miss Vance both served 34 years.

The Conference Room in the Seminary building is dedicated to the memory of Eugene A. Scheele. He was one of the best known witnesses for Christ in the history of Washington Bible College. It was through the witness of Gene Scheele in 1930 that President Miles came to know Christ as personal Savior. Many joined Gene in tract distribution and Bible study, and he left a great impact upon the students and young people of the Washington area. He was a member of the Cabinet of the American Home Bible Institute and a trustee of the College from 1942 to 1946, after which he left the area to go into a full-time ministry. Mr. Scheele went to be the Lord on January 19, 1977.

The Chapel in the Seminary building is dedicated to the memory of Ernest G. Wiles. Mr. Wiles was one of the Founding Trustees of WBC and was on the Board from 1938 until the time of his homegoing on August 12, 1976. Mr. Wiles served as Treasurer of the Board during most of that time. The chapel pulpit given in his memory was a gift of the Wiles' family.

Francis E. Simmons was a member of the Board of Trustees from 1945 until his homegoing in 1967. Mr. Simmons was Chairman of the Board for ten years. Because of his deep interest in Jewish evangelism, the Simmons family established the Francis E. Simmons Memorial Lectures on Jewish Evangelism.

As previously mentioned, the Glenn W. Wagner Auditorium-Gymnasium is dedicated to the memory of the first full-time

President of the Washington Bible Institute. Mr. Wagner served in this capacity from 1940-1944.

On October 7, 1980, Ruth Esther Miles, wife of President George A. Miles, went home to be with the Lord. Mrs. Miles was well known to everyone associated with Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary. Her dedication to God and His work, to her husband and his ministry, and to all the members of her family was exemplary in every detail of Christians character. Ruth Miles' service to God and her personal concern for each member of the faculty, staff, and student body will long be remembered. As a fitting memorial the new student center in the Wagner Auditorium was dedicated as the Ruth E. Miles Student Center.

On May 16, 1980, an addition to the Oyer Memorial Library was dedicated. This addition houses the staff workroom and the periodical room. These rooms were made possible by John and Ruth Ehlers along with Rev. William C. Poston, whose gift was dedicated in memory of Rowena Depew Poston and Florence Depew Knoblock. In the early 1990s, financial resources were provided in memory of Gladys Deakins Jenkins to make possible further additions to the main book collection.

The Board of Directors in September, 1994 named the main administration building Miles Hall to honor President Emeritus George A. Miles for his long and faithful service.

Renovations began on the men's dormitory in Miles Hall in 1995. The second floor was dedicated in honor of Paul and Barbara Perry, Robert Hunton, Fred Hackett, and Paul Johannes for their extensive labor in building furniture for twenty-eight rooms.

One unit of ten rooms on the third floor of Miles Hall was dedicated in honor of Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Jackson by their son John.

The Jacksons were long-time friends of the school and Rev. Jackson taught at CBS for five years after his retirement from Cherrydale Baptist church.

It is impossible, as we have stated, to mention each memorial. Each one, though, has met a real need in some area, and we are grateful to the Lord for all who have contributed through this means. Memorials are a good way to preserve the memory of a loved one or friend. Many individuals have contributed thousands of dollars to the College and Seminary with this purpose in mind. Memorial gifts may still be designated for any specific project.

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